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GOVERNOR BEEBE TO GIVE MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS **AT THE ARKANSAS STATE VETERANS CEMETERY**

The Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs will present a Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 31, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery, 1501 West Maryland Avenue, in North Little Rock. Governor Mike Beebe will give the keynote address. Gene McVay, Commander of the American Legion Department of Arkansas, will be the Master of Ceremonies. Other participants will include the Patriot Guard Riders, the 106th Arkansas Army National Guard Band, Little Rock AFB Color Guard and the India Co., 3rd BN, 23rd Marines Honor Guard Firing Detail. Carl Schmidt, Fleet Reserve Association President, will conduct the sea service portion of the ceremony. Other guests will include Senator Blanche Lincoln, Lieutenant Governor Bill Halter, Pulaski County Judge Buddy Villines, State Senator Shane Broadway, State Representative Jane English, Mayor Gary Fletcher of Jacksonville, Major General William Wofford, Colonel Greg Otey, and representatives from all military and veterans organizations.

Public parking will be available at Woody's Sherwood Forest on Maryland Avenue and possible overflow parking will be at the Wal-Mart on Hwy. 107 and Maryland Avenue. Handicapped parking will be available at Pulaski Technical College Aerospace Technology Center across from the cemetery. Busses and vans will begin transporting individuals to the state cemetery at 8:30 a.m. Rainout location will be at Woody's Sherwood Forest in Sherwood.

Individuals are encouraged to bring umbrellas rain-or-shine. Water will be provided.

We encourage the support of our veterans who have sacrificed so much. They have stood up for our freedoms and for those around the world. Memorial Day is a time for us to come together and honor their memory and for the service they have given this great nation.

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